

NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2009

With our 70th birthday approaching we continue our goal to raise \$70,000. September helped with two major events, the Artist's Garage Sale and the concert with Roslyn Kind. We thank all those who helped, donated time and/or funds and all those who attended.

This month's calendar is filled with a variety of activities.....

THEATRE=====

The Glass Menagerie, Tennessee Williams' first successful play and one that has inspired actors and audiences since it debuted in 1944, will grace our stage from October 2 to November 1. **The Glass Menagerie** is a poignant and powerful look at a broken family based on Williams own experience. It tells of the struggles and dreams of a single mother, her son (Williams) and a daughter. Veteran director, *Tom Eubanks* has gathered a cast that brings to life this touching play including *Leslie Paxton*, *Brittany Danyel*, *Curtis Cline* and *Jan Lashly*. He has also called upon an experienced crew of *Herb Hemming*, producer, *Neva Williams*, set designer and *Edmund Andreas*, costumer. The first weekend is "two-for-one". Performances are Fri & Sat. at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., no performances on Oct. 10 and Oct. 31. For ticket info and reservations call 640-8797.

AUDITIONS..... Director *Frank Malle* is holding auditions for Ken Ludwig's comedy, **Leading Ladies**, on Saturday, October 17, 1-3, Sunday October 18, 11-1, and Monday October 19, 7-9 p.m. The parts call for 4 men ages 30-60, 2 women, ages 20-30, and 1 old spinster. *Leading Ladies* is a funny story of two Shakespearean actors who try to flim flam their way into inheriting an old widow's millions by impersonating her two long lost nephews. It gets really funny when they arrive at the widow's home only to discover that the long lost relatives aren't nephews, but nieces. Performances are Jan. 29- Feb. 28. Call Frank at 646-8406 for more info.

LITERARY*****

On Monday, October 12, the Literary Branch will present readings from **Edgar Allen Poe**, one of the most admired American writers of the 19th century. Actor/Director *Frank James Malle* injects an early dose of Halloween madness with his dramatic interpretation of some of Poe's most macabre short stories and poems, including *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Raven* and *The Black Cat*. Don't miss this evening of Poe's spine-tingling tales of mystery and mayhem. It will haunt you if you do!! Show begins at 7 p.m., followed by Q & A. Suggested donation of \$5. Refreshments provided.

MUSIC=====

On Sunday, October 18 at 2 p.m., *Robert Krupnick* returns for a piano recital. The program consists of the extraordinary Goldberg Variations, by J.S. Bach. This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the great works of all time, performed in its entirety by a superb pianist. *Mr. Krupnick*, well known to Ojai audiences for his wonderful concerts at the Art Center, has recently moved to Seattle, but is returning to Ojai for this recital. Tickets only at the door. General admission \$10 A/C members, \$8 students. For more info call 640-8327.

ART #####

The October Gallery exhibit features the **Ojai Studio Tour Artists**. The tour, in its 25th year, scheduled for October 10 and Oct. 11, sends people on a self-guided tour of over 50 local art studios. Prior to the tour, each of these artists display a sampling of work in our galleries to be previewed before heading out. For ticket info on the tour, contact the Chamber of Commerce, 646-8126 or visit www.ojaistudioartists.org. Reception is Saturday October 10, 6-8 p.m.

Coming up..... **Attention all artists and craftspeople!!!!** It's time to start planning your entry into our holiday exhibit. The December art show, titled **INNOCENT MERRIMENT**, invites all artists and craftspeople to create handmade wreaths, masks, and ornaments of all kinds to commemorate the season in all its variety. This year's show promises to be festive and fun. Dates and further information in next month's newsletter or call 646-0117. Start your creative engines!!!!!! Is it too early to say HO HO HO?

